TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Docket No. (Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c)) 17137 In Re Application Of: Hiroki Moriyama Serial No. Filing Date Examiner **Group Art Unit** 10/690,403 October 21, 2003 Unassigned Unassigned ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM Address to: **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 37 CFR 1.97(b) The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. 37 CFR 1.97(c) The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of: ☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e); OR \Box the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,885,208, dated March 23, 1999, issued to Moriyama;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-276244, published October 28, 1997 together with an English language abstract; and
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-42206, published February 16, 1999 together with an English language abstract.

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The references were cited in a Search Report dated October 25, 2002 received

from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of references 2 and 3,

together with a copy of the Search Report. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as

copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in

effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-identified references has been

described in the Search Report.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in

accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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